

Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, March 18, 2010 for their regular scheduled meeting. Vice-Chairman Sweeting called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Greg Grana, Debbie di Santi, Web Alexander and Brenda Fairbetter. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock and Administrative Assistant Sherrie Pitts.

Vice-Chairman Sweeting requested a correction to the minutes on page 2 last paragraph change used to use. *Mr. Grana made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fairbetter* **All members were in favor of the motion.**

Swearing in of new members

Mr. David Laughter and Mr. Ray Pickett were sworn to the board.

Nomination of officers

Vice-Chairman Sweeting asked for nominations and discussion on officers for this year. With no other comments, Mr. Alexander nominated Jim West to continue as Chairman of the board. Ms. di Santi seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor of the recommendation. Mr. Grana nominated Ms. Sweeting to continue as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Alexander seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor of the recommendation.

Current subcommittees:

Zoning - Chairman West, Mr. Grana, Ms. di Santi, and Mr. Pickett as new member.

Planning - Ms. Fairbetter, Ms. Sweeting, Mr. Alexander and Ms. Miller.

Public Properties has no current study at this time.

Items of Business

Downtown Parking Ratios

Mr. Rothrock reminded the Planning Board of recommended amendments to the satellite parking and outdoor dining from last month and advised the ordinance amendment had been approved by Town Council at the March meeting.

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report to the board in reference to downtown parking. Town Council has asked the Planning Board to study the parking ratios in downtown. The current Land Use Code lists the same parking ratios for uses in General Business as it does in Central Business.

Enclosed in board packets was a portion of the current parking table and parking comparisons of other towns in NC.

Ms. di Santi discussed issues and requirements of required parking spaces and the parking fund.

There was some discussion among the board regarding parking.

Mr. Alexander mad a motion to forward the parking study to subcommittee. Ms. di Santi seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Sweeting requested a copy of the parking study be given to the subcommittee with information on the use tables and a breakdown of monies contributed to the parking fund. **All members voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. Rothrock mentioned the Land Use Code Updates and what was happening with it at this time.

Other Business

With no other questions or comments *Mr. Alexander made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pickett seconded the motion.* **All members voted in favor of the motion.**

Adjourn

With no further business the Planning Board adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Sue Sweeting, Vice-Chairman

Sherrie Pitts, Administrative Assistant